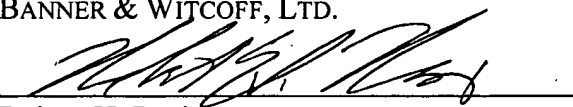


REMARKS

Applicant files this amendment for correction of a formal matter that does not change the scope of the allowed claims. Specifically, dependent claim 18, as originally filed claimed "The immunoassay kit of claim 11, wherein the conjugated label pad comprises Protein A." In an Amendment dated October 2, 2003, claim 18 was properly listed as "original" but inadvertently included the underlined phrase "conjugated to a label" at the end of the claim. This inadvertent error carried over into the Amendment dated March 15, 2004. The phrase "conjugated to a label" is clearly duplicative, unnecessary language that does not change the scope of the claim. Indeed dependent claim 20 was allowed without this duplicative language. As such, applicant requests that claim 18 be amended to remove the duplicative phrase before this application issues as a patent.

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